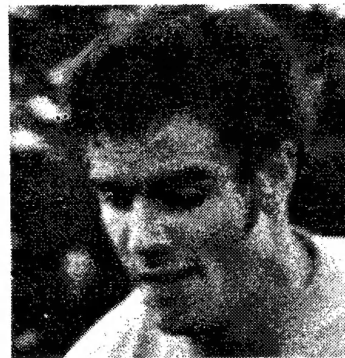


SEARLE QUITS



KEITH SEARLE
... leading scorer.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS leading goalscorer for the past two seasons, Keith Searle, had resigned from the club this week and is expected to sign on for Slough Town.

Searle handed in his resignation early this week and has made an application to join Wycombe's local Athenian League rivals, Slough.

of chances for his fellow forwards.

Wanderers manager Brian Lee described the move as a "disastrous loss", rating Searle as one of the best centre forwards in the country. He felt Searle left the club as Wanderers had been unable to maintain their success of the last two years, when they won the Isthmian League twice.

Mr. Lee thought that Searle's move would have some effect on the rest of his squad. "When Searle was in the side, we were always in with a chance to win," he said. Although disappointed with Searle's decision, Mr. Lee said he was not surprised.

PARTNERSHIP

Keith Searle came to Wycombe Wanderers three years ago and soon struck up a consistently efficient goalscoring partnership with Tony Horseman. In the 1971/72 season he made 76 appearances for the Blues — more than any other player — and scored a total of 46 goals — one less than Horseman.

He joined the club from Wealdstone when they were in the Isthmian League and had previously experience with Southern League outfit Barnet. He also played for the Middlesex F.A., the Berks and Bucks F.A. and the London F.A.

Last term he topped the goalscoring charts with 44 in 67 appearances. Perhaps one of his most important of those 44 goals was the one scored against Hayes in the Amateur Cup quarter final.

This year Searle has not been at his top scoring form but every other aspect of his game looks sharper than ever before. Many centre halves will testify his brilliance in the air and he creates an abundance